

REPORTS OF  
WILLIAMSBURG  
TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE YEAR  
1922



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1922

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# Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Williamsburg, Mass., 1923

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Article 1. To elect a Moderator, an Assessor, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one School Committee, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also one Assessor for two years, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one School Committee, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, all for three years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this Town?" Yes, or No.

"Shall the Town petition for the installation of an accounting system by the commonwealth? (This question is submitted under the provisions of Chapter 516, Acts of 1922.)" Yes, or No. All on one ballot.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a Committee to expend the same.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Art. 7. To fix the amount of the salary of all elected officers.

Art. 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School, Water, and other Committees and act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to expend the Whiting Street Fund or take any action in relation thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build and repair sidewalks.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Fire Insurance upon its public buildings.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Hampshire Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture and elect a director of that organization who will be official town representative for said Trustee as per Chapter 273 of the Acts of 1918.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will accept the provision of Chapter 81 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1922. To raise and appropriate \$4200 to maintain roads exclusive of State Highways and roads within the village limits.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair bridges, remove snow, and other road work not covered by Chapter 81 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1922.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500. The extra amount required in alteration of the underpass.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Probate Court for its appointment as Trustee under the will of Electa Wait.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the fee, to be charged and collected and time of collecting same, for the use of the Town Scales.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Buildings now known as the Grange Hall and to set a sales price for it; also to see if the Town will sell the land and buildings formerly used for school purposes and known as the Nash Street, South Street, Searsville, and Skinnerville Schools, and to set a sales price on them.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500.00, amount necessary to expend for suppressing gypsy and brown-tail moths in 1923.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend its by-laws under

## STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SO AS TO READ

Sec. 1. The tenant or occupant and in case there be no tenant or occupant the owner of any estate,

shall not allow any snow or ice to remain upon any permanent sidewalk within the villages of Williamsburg or Haydenville for twenty-four consecutive hours but shall cause the same within that time to be reasonably removed from the entire width of the walk or cause same to be made even, and covered with sand to prevent slipping.

Sec. 7. No person shall ride, drive or allow any ox, horse, vehicle, cattle, sheep or swine to be on any sidewalk in this Town unless in the necessary act of crossing the same.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take in regard to laying Water Pipes from the water main in front of Emil H. Miller's house, out the Bullard Bridge road, to the property of Mrs. Annie Waite.

Art. 22. To hear the report of the committee appointed to consider the purchase of a Town Forest, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take with reference to the payment of a sum of money for land damages in taking of land of the Meekins Library Association, for the highway.



# Selectmen's Report

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To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

The Selectmen's report for the year ending December 31, 1922, is as follows:

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation,	\$800.00	
Income Tax,	1,717.98	
Interest,	310.54	
Corporation Tax,	1,410.19	
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		\$4,238.71
Expended,		3,975.50
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Unexpended Balance,		\$263.21
American Exp. Co., antitoxin,	\$ .42	
Fred Vining, Inspector of Meat,	81.00	
Gazette Printing Co., Mics. printing and		
Town Reports,	150.40	
New Eng. Tel. Co., service for Town		
Officers,	113.05	
Suriner & McBreen, fixtures for Town		
Hall,	8.80	
Cecil Bagnell, legal blanks,	5.18	
A. G. Cone, Board of Health cases,	7.75	
A. G. Cone, liquor cases,	20.32	
A. G. Cone, postage and stationery, 1921	, 9.12	

A. G. Cone, expense to Boston—underpass,	20.00
A. G. Cone, Moth Inspection,	70.68
A. G. Cone, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
A. G. Cone, Selectman,	200.00
A. G. Cone, use of auto,	58.98
Berton Dobbs, Constable,	100.00
Berton Dobbs, Moth Inspection,	68.00
Berton Dobbs, extra police duty, precinct A and B., and labor Town Hall,	127.90
Berton Dobbs, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Electric Light Co., lamps for Town Hall,	17.40
John Graham, coal for Town Hall,	9.29
Mrs. Martha Bisbee, Ballot Clerk,	10.50
Miss Elizabeth Fitch, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Mrs. Emma Smith, Ballot Clerk,	10.50
Mrs. Josephine Sheehan, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Wells Bisbee, Clerk for Board of Registrars,	20.00
Wells Bisbee, labor on booths,	15.12
Wells Bisbee, Ballot Clerk,	10.50
Wells Bisbee, Tax Collector, 1922,	300.00
Wells Bisbee, Town Clerk, 1922,	100.00
Wells Bisbee, expense account,	13.46
F. E. White, Ballot Clerk,	3.50
Harry Warner, Assessor, 1922,	60.00
Harry Warner, Interpreter,	5.00
Harry Warner, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
E. F. Makedy Co., Sheik Test outfit,	5.70
M. J. Ryan, liquor cases,	34.50
Central City Chemical Co., fumigators,	6.71
W. M. Purrington, insurance on road machinery,	5.00
W. M. Purrington, bond for Tax Coll. and Treasurer,	55.00

W. M. Purrington, compensation ins.,	246.65
W. M. Purrington, ins. on Engine Houses, Precincts A and B,	53.00
Bridgman & Lyman, card index for Board of Health,	4.40
J. A. Breckenridge, Inspector of Animals,	48.50
J. A. Breckenridge, Elector under Oliver Smith Will,	10.00
Miss Mary Carter, Town Treasurer,	100.00
Miss Mary Carter, expense account,	8.31
F. A. Brooks, Moderator for 1919, 1920 and 1921,	30.00
Joseph Riley, Selectman,	100.00
Joseph Riley, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Hobbs & Warren, legal blanks,	4.62
Ray Warner, express,	13.00
H. S. Packard, varnish locks and sup. Town Hall,	5.36
P. B. Murphy, legal blanks,	9.95
P. M., Williamsburg, stamped envelopes,	54.88
J. J. Trainor, liquor cases,	21.50
J. J. Trainor, Constable,	50.00
J. J. Trainor, collecting Dog Tax,	25.00
Thayer Mfg. Co., wood, Town Hall,	8.00
Dr. C. H. Wheeler, diphtheria clinic,	25.00
Dr. J. G. Hayes, diphtheria clinic,	25.00
Fire Department, Precinct A and B, labor and men at fires,	118.00
Stevens & Andre, legal adv.,	3.00
Graves Garage, auto to fire,	5.00
Harry Drake, auto to fire,	5.00
George Vernon Warner, liquor cases,	8.00
Steven Burke, Registrar,	10.00
Henry Wright, Registrar,	10.00

Michael Riley, Registrar,	10.00
Fred La Valley, Special Police,	5.00
Mert O'Brien, Special Police,	5.00
Victor Adding Mfg. Co., for Treasurer,	100.00
J. W. Heffernan, filing cab. for Selectmen,	37.35
Milton O. Wickes, repairs,	12.00
Mason & Morse, legal adv.,	15.00
Roswell Jorgensin, labor on trees,	12.25
Edward Larkin, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
T. I. Breckenridge, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
James Dunn, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
James Dunn, Special Police,	5.00
John Marther, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Walter Leonard, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber for booths,	8.00
Bradford Lumber Co., wood, Town Hall,	13.00
Charles H. Chase, transfers,	9.50
Robert Goodwin, auto to fire,	7.50
Times Pub. Co., two sets lists of voters,	25.00
P. M., Haydenville, stamped env. for moth work,	11.72
Howard Pomeroy, Tree Warden,	26.50
Howard Pomeroy, Moth Inspection,	59.05
Wakefield Daily Item, moth notices,	4.50
Meany's, uniforms for Police,	18.00
W. A. Lee, Moth Inspection,	74.83
Frank Taylor, Selectman,	100.00
Mrs. Phil Larkin, Ballot Clerk,	3.50
Mrs. Raymond Buck, Ballot Clerk,	3.50
Homer Bradford, Ballot Clerk,	7.00
Wililamsburg Groc. Co., paint for En- gine House, Precinct A,	31.75
Herbert W. Nye, painting Engine House, Precinct A,	75.00
A. J. Polmatier, Assessor,	75.00

William Chadwick, Assessor,	60.00	
Hammond & Hammond, legal advice for Town Officers,	262.85	
Grace Williams, copying for Assessors,	10.00	
Commissioners of Public Safety, blanks,	2.40	
George W. Ranch, electric work for Town Hall,	25.75	
H. E. Bradford, Water Commissioner,	50.00	
Fitz Henry Guptel Co., sup. for Moth Inspection,	6.60	
	<hr/>	\$3,975.50

## HIGHWAY

Appropriation,	\$2,000.00	
Inspection of Animals,	24.25	
Rent of Town Hall and piano,	73.00	
Bank Tax,	654.38	
Street Railway Tax,	447.01	
	<hr/>	\$3,198.64
Expended,		2,096.79
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Unexpended Balance,		\$101.85

## EXPENDITURES

T. I. Breckenridge, labor,	\$8.50
Fred J. Vining, labor with team,	17.74
Mrs. Fannie Loomis, labor,	16.75
John Ruski, labor—snow,	15.80
H. S. Packard, keg of nails and spikes,	9.15
Claude Blonge, labor—snow,	2.45
Richard Welch, labor,	2.45

Frank O. Brine, labor—snow,	3.85
Charles O. Brine, labor,	2.45
Joe Oselick, labor,	2.45
Joseph Riley, labor—snow,	10.25
John Mara, labor,	3.66
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	7.52
O. W. Hill, labor,	24.00
C. A. Nichols, labor,	2.62
H. H. Nichols, labor,	52.40
F. N. Hurteau, labor,	12.00
Charles Watling, labor—snow,	19.73
Tom Dolan, labor,	6.60
Harry Warner, labor—snow,	12.75
Water Department, Williamsburg, for planks,	393.18
Haydenville Mfg. Co., seven loads of ashes,	2.45
Haydenville Mfg. Co., labor, two men,	9.90
F. A. Shumway, labor and planks,	17.20
John Watling, labor—snow,	3.80
George Dolan, labor—snow,	6.40
Frank O'Neil, labor,	38.00
Dennis Maloney, labor,	17.20
A. Samos, labor with auto,	60.00
George O'Brien, labor—snow,	15.60
Robert Brown, labor—snow,	15.20
Clarence Larkin, labor—snow,	9.60
John L. Fowler, labor,	90.00
Harry Hosford, Jr., labor—snow,	1.30
Joseph Zyske, labor—snow,	9.50
Walter Augtusky, labor—snow,	6.00
Stanley Zylock, labor—snow,	2.00
Arthur Litchfield, labor—snow,	2.00
Richard Smith, labor—snow,	2.20

Charles Wells, labor—snow,	1.60
Roy Doucharm, labor,	2.00
Walter Pareau, labor—snow,	7.10
Nicholas Oselick, labor—snow,	1.00
George Barre, labor—snow,	1.70
Robert Trainor, labor—snow,	1.70
James Welch, labor—snow,	31.60
Chester Lazynski, labor—snow,	1.35
Edward Dolan, labor—snow,	3.20
A. G. Cone, labor,	10.00
C. P. Otis, labor,	1.10
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	4.70
Mace Moulton, asphalt,	545.04
Graves Garage, truck on highway,	8.00
George Dansreau, labor with team,	25.25
John Quinn, labor—snow,	3.60
W. J. Sheehan & Co., supplies,	22.45
A. G. Cone, releases on highway,	51.00
E. J. Knox, labor,	3.00
Bergen Mfg. Co., culverts,	12.00
B. Aldustoky, labor,	6.00
Lennihan Bros., labor with truck,	6.75
George Thrasher, labor,	6.40
L. C. Wales, labor,	6.40
Elmer Miner, labor,	6.40
R. D. Ames, labor,	6.40
Gleason Bros., labor with truck,	38.45
Lyle Wales, labor—snow,	6.13
P. F. O'Leary, street signs,	48.00
Alfred Nichols, labor,	3.00
John S. Lane & Son, trap rock,	271.32
Wilfred Graves, labor—snow,	4.00
B. L. Dobbs, labor—snow,	15.50

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\$2,096.79



# MONEY EXPENDED ON ROADS FOR LABOR AND GRAVEL IN 1922,

Under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as Amended  
by Chap. 281, Acts of 1922.

Appropriation,	\$2,200.00	
Unexpended Balance, under Highways in 1921,	2,089.09	
Recd. from State Highway Comm.,	2,053.47	
		\$6,342.56
Amount Expended,		5,133.67
Unexpended Balance,		<hr/> \$208.89

New England Road Machine Co.,	
blade for road machine,	\$8.50
H. H. Nichols, exp. on blade,	1.37
H. S. Packard, supplies,	11.25
Palmer Metal Culvert Co., pipe,	250.60
Berger Mfg. Co., pipe,	58.05
P. H. McAvoy, blacksmith bill,	23.90
Foster-Farrar Co., dynamite caps and fuse,	22.50
F. E. Sanderson, gravel,	2.70
Mrs. C. Loomis, gravel,	6.10
James Stone, gravel,	14.20
Harry Warner, gravel,	17.70
Mrs. H. H. Hines, gravel,	63.40
L. C. Wales, gravel,	10.90
Thos. Meekins, gravel,	14.70
Hampshire Reservoir Co., gravel,	13.60
Hans Nietzsche, gravel,	6.90
Ellis Clark, gravel,	9.50



Silas Snow, gravel,	1.00
G. A. Thrasher, gravel,	2.50
A. Zapalski, gravel,	1.00

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\$540.37

R. D. Ames, labor with team,	794.85
Merrill Ames, labor,	6.00
E. L. Clark, labor,	113.30
Sereno Clark, labor,	15.00
A. E. Everett, labor,	10.00
E. N. Hurteau, labor, with team,	446.81
H. J. Knox, labor with team,	369.48
E. K. Merritt,, labor,	10.00
Elmer Miner, labor,	193.20
Alfred Nichols, labor,	12.00
H. H. Nichols, labor,	858.53
G. A. Thrasher, labor with team,	794.85
Lyle Wales, labor,	409.85
Charles Weeks, labor,	15.00
O. W. Hill, labor,	468.63

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\$4,593.30

Chesterfield Road,	598.40
Ashfield Road,	544.95
Conway Road,	47.50
Shumway-Pillinger Road,	9.53
Depot Road,	459.92
Nash Street,	186.76
John Lee Road,	32.65
Valley View Road,	42.87
Mill Street,	79.03
Cemetery Hill Road,	150.90

Old Goshen Road,	200.08	
Brier Hill Road,	56.80	
Hemenway Road,	188.90	
Petticoat Hill,	37.12	
Dolan Road,	25.40	
Unquomunk Road,	63.80	
South Street,	369.99	
Hydes Hill,	127.03	
Hyde Hill Branch,	11.00	
Gear Hill Road,	34.00	
Bullard Road,	29.40	
Adams Road,	104.20	
North Farms Road,	64.30	
Hatfield Road,	15.20	
Kingsley Avenue,	42.44	
South Main Street,	113.00	
Mountain Street,	905.63	
O'Neil Road,	52.50	
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		\$4,593.30
Material Purchased,		540.37
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Total Spent,		\$5,133.67

## SILK MILL BRIDGE

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Recd. from Street Railway,	1,000.00	
Recd. from Hampshire Co.,	1,000.00	
Due from Street Railway,	734.51	
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		\$7,734.51

Paid W. C. Tannatt, Jr.,	\$6,339.31	
Paid William Latham, inspt.,	245.00	
Paid E. L. Moore, plans and eng. adv.,	350.00	
Paid Norwood Eng. Co.,	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$6,938.06
Unexpended Balance,		<hr/> \$796.45

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation,	\$50.00	
Paid Adelbert Bailey,		\$50.00

HAMPSHIRE TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO  
AGRICULTURE

Appropriation,	\$150.00	
Paid Trustees,		\$150.00

## SIDEWALKS

Appropriation,	\$500.00	
Paid Howard Pomeroy, labor,	1.50	
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Unexpended Balance,		\$498.50

## FIRE DEPARTMENT, PRECINCT A AND B

Appropriation,		\$250.00
Paid Mill River Elect. Co., for Engine		
House, Precinct A and B,	\$18.00	
Standard Extg. Co., supplies,	32.00	
Firemen, 20 men, Precinct A,	100.00	
Firemen, 20 men, Precinct B,	100.00	
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## TOWN SCALES

Appropriation,	\$500.00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	\$8.10
H. H. Nichols, labor,	3.00
E. N. Hurteau, labor,	2.80
E. J. Knox, labor,	2.80
O. W. Hill, labor,	2.80
Myron Lawton, labor,	3.00
Lester Clark, labor,	25.25
Thomas Culver, labor,	24.40
B. L. Dobbs, labor,	3.00
Frank Sanderson, labor with team,	32.00
W. C. Van Slyke, labor,	16.80
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	20.40
Bennington Scale Co., scales,	280.02
Bisbee Bros., cement,	46.80
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Total Amount Expended,	\$471.17
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Unexpended Balance,	\$28.83

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation,	\$1,950.00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Mill River Elect. Light Co.,	
For current,	\$1,815.00
For lamps,	37.00
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	\$1,852.00
Unexpended Balance,	\$98.00

## HAYDENVILLE UNDERPASS

Appropriation,	\$2,000.00
Amount agreed upon by parties concerned,	
Williamsburg,	\$2,500.00
N. Y. N. H. R. R.,	\$10,000.00
Mass State Highway Comm.	
Hamp. Co. Comm. to pay bal. of cost.	
Estimated cost of structure,	\$30,000.00

## PAUPER

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Recd. from Individuals,	\$75.36
Due from Individuals,	554.39
Recd. from the City of Holyoke,	70.00
Recd. from the State,	167.57
Due from the State,	175.33
Recd. from the Div. of Sanatoria,	50.71
Due from the Div. of Sanatoria,	41.43
Due from the City of Northampton,	208.00
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	\$2,342.79
Expended,	2,185.57
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Unexpended Balance,	\$157.22

## MOTHERS' PENSION ACT OF 1913

Appropriation,		\$800.00
Unexpended Balance of 1921,	\$635.12	
Recd. from State,	513.53	
Due from the State,	28.00	
Recd. from Northampton,	182.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,158.65
Expended,		1,397.50
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Unexpended Balance,		\$761.15

## THE A. S. HILL TRUST FUND

Available from this Fund,		\$443.75
Paid Seven Beneficiaries,	\$250.50	
Repaid by Individual,	125.00	
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Amount Expended,		\$125.00
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Unexpended Balance,		\$318.25

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED G. CONE,  
FRANK L. TAYLOR,  
JOSEPH M. RILEY,

Selectmen.

# Auditors' Statement

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Williamsburg, Mass., Feb. 22, 1923.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners, School Committee and Town Clerk for the year 1922, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

In our Statement covering the year 1921, we advised that a further examination of previous accounts would be made, and at the Town Meeting last March we were authorized to make this examination, and beg to submit the following for your approval:

Owing to the condition of the Records it was a very difficult matter to make a start of this examination for the year 1918. The Cash Book had not been added since 1910, and it is very evident from the condition of same that no effort had ever been made to balance the Treasurer's account with the Cash Book. This is one of the most essential points of accounting, and as the only manner in which it can actually be determined whether the account is in absolute balance with the Bank Statement and total amount of Cash on hand as shown in the Treasurer's Report each year.

In order to accomplish this it was necessary to regrege the various checks, under each individual and apply them against the various accounts. As there are approximately 1500 checks issued each year this in itself was con-

siderable of a task ; but as previously stated, it was absolutely necessary in order that Cash Book proofs could be made

Although it states very plainly in Bank Statements, which are returned with cancelled checks, that the statement should be checked within 10 days, otherwise it will be considered to be correct, it was evident from the Bank envelopes, which apparently had never been opened, that this had not been done. While the Banks as a rule are very accurate, they are liable to make errors, and if statements are not checked at the time, the Town Treasurer would not detect this, and the account would therefore be out of balance. This is very essential in order to properly handle any account.

Another feature that was handled very carelessly, and that was the paying of bills in a great many cases by Cash instead of check. Receipts may have been obtained by the Treasurer at the time of payment, but we were unable to locate any on file with the Town Records.

Various differences between checks and Selectmen's orders were located. While in most cases the amounts were not large, at the same time it showed that sufficient care was not taken in checking the accounts. otherwise these discrepancies would have been discovered at the time, and propr adjustments made. Items were located in the accounts which were not shown in the Town Report, which shows that the balances shown in Town Report were not absolutely correct. For instance, Balance on hand Jan'y. 1st, 1922, was shown in Town Report, Treasurer's account, is \$4,334.21, while Cash Book shows balance as \$4,879.95, a difference of \$545.74.

This difference may be made up of several errors in the account, previous to that date, which can only be located by a detailed check of all previous accounts.



It has been the custom in the past to close the School account on the last day of the current year, while all other accounts were kept open until about Feby. 1st, which is contrary to the law.

This matter should be adjusted at once, in order to comply with the law, and at the same time, simplify checking of the accounts.

In order that the finances of the Town may be properly protected, it is essential that any Town official handling same should be covered by Bonds, the amount of which to be governed according to the amount of money handled. The Chairman of the Water Commissioners collects approximately Four Thousand Dollars per year, and has not been previously covered by Bond. This matter was called to the attention of the Chairman of Selectmen, and he has agreed to cover this at once.

While we do not wish to criticise anyone for the condition of the previous accounts, we do feel that if sufficient time had been allowed the Town Auditors in the past to properly audit the accounts, this trouble could have been eliminated. The reason for the hurried examinations in the past was due in a large measure to the fact that the accounts were held open until just before Town Meeting, and had to be checked in a very short time, to have printed in time for the meeting.

We feel that this examination has had the effect of bringing about a very decided improvement in the condition of all Town accounts.

A new set of books were installed by the Town Treasurer, which are balanced every month, and are in absolute balance with the Bank Statement for the year 1922, all accounts being kept in a very neat and accurate condition.

In addition to this, the Chairman of the School Committee has also opened a new account, regregating the various departments in the School account, thereby making the checking of same a very simple matter, due to the systematic manner in which the account is kept.

All the other accounts for 1922 are in good condition, and we feel that there will be no trouble in the future handling of same.

PHILIP P. LARKIN,  
WILLIAM G. LOOMIS,

Auditors.

# Town Clerk's Report

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To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

I have the honor of submitting herewith the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1922.

## LICENSES

Two licenses were issued to Junk Dealers.

One license was issued for Pool Room.

One license was issued to Auctioneer.

One license was issued to Motion Picture (Sunday evening.)

Two hundred ninety-eight licenses were issued to Hunters, Trappers, and Fishermen.

One license was issued to Innholder.

## MILITARY

The list of Males subject to Military Duty is Two Hundred Five, as per list on file at my office.

## DOGS

The number of Dogs licensed in Town is as follows:

116 Males,	\$232.00	
11 Females,	55.00	
1 paid on last year,	3.00	
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Total,		\$290.00

Less fees,

25.40

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 \$264.60

Under provisions of Chapter 102, Section 103 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, I have paid Kirk H. Stone, County Treasurer, the above balance as per my receipts.

## REVISED LIST OF JURORS

J. F. Kearney	George Dansereau
Ernest Browe	J. Clarke Foster
Adalbert Wait	Thomas F. Trainor
Wells G. Bisbee	T. M. Wells
Thomas J. Demetrion	T. I. Breckenridge
E. Raymond Sylvester	John M. Black
Allen A. Adams	Alva Shumway
Silas Snow	John Breckenridge
Fred N. Graves	

Vital Statistics were as follows:

Whole number of Births, 39, recorded as follows:

Jan. 28	Edward Joseph Burdeau.
	Ramond Howard Spitzer.
	Marcia Ingellis.
Feb. 10	Dorothy May Algustoski.
23	Rose Alberta Pratt.
23	Janina Frances Leszcznski.
Mar. 2	Katherine Demerski.
3	Gloria Marion Burchfield.
12	Freman Barnard Heath.
14	Joseph Larkin.
23	Jean Margaret Everett.

Apr.	8	Herbert Sylvester Kellogg.
	28	Francis Batura.
May	2	Doris Mary Elliott.
	6	Rita May Laflamme.
	6	Stanley Kocinski.
	11	Irwin Wales.
	11	Winifred Ruth Weeks.
	14	David Lester Dewey.
	22	Francis Lewis Sanderson.
	26	Harry Berry.
Jun.	18	Charles P. Damon.
	23	Charlotte Demerski.
	28	Leo Stone.
	30	Wladys Soliwoda.
July	27	Lillian Agnes Wheeler.
Aug.	10	Phyllis Louise West.
	11	Peter Gromelski.
	14	Leocadia Jeblonski.
	23	Floyd Wilson Nye.
Sept.	2	James Arthur Childs.
	2	Ashton Hyde Rustemeyer.
	5	Helen Jurkowski.
	16	Francis R. Johndrow.
Oct.	1	Stasia Golash.
	8	Vera Virginia Carpenter.
Nov.	30	William John Ryan.
Dec.	18	Edward Frank Czerbowitz.
	28	Frank Soltys.

## MARRIAGES

Whole number of Marriages, 13, recorded as follows:

Mar. 11	Erwin Whitman Allen, Chesterfield.
	Ethel Carrol Miller, Williamsburg.

- May 1 George H. Guyette, Haydenville.  
Dianna Lacourse, Haydenville.
- July 12 James F. McAllister, Haydenville.  
Helen C. Ryan, Haydenville.  
22 Leon R. McKusick, Unionville, Conn.  
Marjory M. Page, Haydenville.
- Sept. 11 Chester Daniels Jorgensen, Hamilton, Ont., Can.  
Esther Purrington, Haydenville.  
12 John J. O'Brien, Northampton.  
Helen V. Larkin, Haydenville.
- Oct. 18 Ernest H. Carver, Haydenville.  
Viola Virginia Morrill, Haydenville.  
19 John P. Kearney, Haydenville.  
Julia M. Lacey, Springfield.
- Nov. 6 Stanley J. Zylak, Haydenville.  
Mary Ducharme, Haydenville.  
13 Anthony Wiater, Hadley.  
Mary Demerski, Haydenville.  
13 Robert Marsh Mathers, Williamsburg.  
A. Winnona Prouty, Williamsburg.
- Dec. 13 William J. Moriarty, Boston.  
Helen Hickey, Haydenville.  
19 Merwin F. Packard, Williamsburg.  
Arlene T. Cranson, Williamsburg.

## DEATHS

Whole number of Deaths, 27, recorded as follows:

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	19 Sarah Esther Bisbee,	84	1	0
	24 Henry Allen Langdon,	76	9	28
Feb.	7 Edward Parker Hayden,	63	8	17
	28 Bridget Hahoney Trainor,	78	10	13

Mar. 11	Louise Russell Page,	59	3	0
14	Joseph Larkin.			
21	Mas Madalena Gusetti,	83	10	6
28	Minnie Cornelia Leonard,	57	5	5
29	Patrick J. Foley,	35	2	11
Apr. 21	Catherine W. Hills,	75	1	21
23	Mary Trepany,	43	8	5
May 26	Francis Louis Sanderson,			4
30	Ellen Mary Curtis,	84	0	12
July 13	Patrick Kearney,	67	10	28
Aug. 29	Dwight Elihu Clary,	71	6	23
Sept. 5	Edwin Bartlett,	79	7	3
28	Alma Angell Davis,	72	8	14
Oct. 28	Anna Woodbury Jordan,	84	2	16
Nov. 17	Sophia M. Eliza Staab,	94	8	6
27	Margaret Kennedy,	81	7	27
Dec. 2	Antony Michelowski,	7	4	25
8	Harry C. Hosford,	53	3	8
10	Wilmer James Loud,	2	5	12
22	Mark Taradina,	32	10	21
26	Roderick Dwight Ames,	59	9	13
30	Alexander Bartofski,	70		
30	Edwin Austin Porter,	83	3	7

Under provisions of Chapter 131, Section 12 of the General Laws, I have paid the Division of Fisheries and Game, as per my receipts, \$403.30

I have paid Miss M. L. Carter, Treasurer, as per my receipts, according to the By Laws of the Town:

For Licenses,	\$15.00	
For Poll tax list,	2.00	
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		\$17.00

Respectfully submitted,

WELLS G. BISBEE,

Town Clerk.



# Tax Collector's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have the honor of submitting herewith the following report. This report includes taxes received up to and including Feb. 1, 1923, at which time a State Audit was taken of my accounts.

## 1919

Reported as outstanding Jan. 1, 1922,		\$170.33
Collected and paid Treasurer,	\$159.58	
Collected and paid former (by former Collector),	10.75	
	<hr/>	\$170.33

## 1920

Reported as outstanding Jan. 1, 1922,		\$2,587.70
Collected and paid Treasurer,	\$1,769.61	
Cash on hand,	15.01	
Abatements,	44.69	
Outstanding,	758.30	
	<hr/>	\$2,587.61

## 1921

Reported as outstanding Jan. 1, 1922,		\$8,562.73
Added assessment not included in this report,		5.25
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Total,		\$8,567.98

Collected and paid Treasurer,	\$4,394.14	
Cash on hand,	168.73	
Abatements,	110.62	
Outstanding,	3,894.49	
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		\$8,567.98

Warrant for real and personal prop- erty,	\$36,551.71	
Added assessment,	40.50	
Warrant for Poll Taxes,	2,780.00	
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		\$39,373.21

Collected and paid to Treasurer,	\$28,879.62	
Abatements,	230.00	
Cash on hand,	893.70	
Outstanding,	9,368.89	
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		\$39,373.21

Interest collected for the years of 1919, '20, '21, and '22,	\$356.12	
Sidewalk tax collected,		
For the year of 1919	59.00	
1920	31.00	
1921	419.25	
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		\$509.25

Respectfully submitted,

WELLS G. BISBEE,

Collector of Taxes.

# Assessors' Report

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Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,218,410.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	\$955,191.00
Value of Assessed Personal Personal Estate,	263,219.00
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	\$1,218,410.00
Value of Assessed Buildings,	\$332,575.00
Value of Assessed Land,	622,616.00
	\$955,151.00
Number Polls assessed,	556
No. of Residents assessed on property,	403
All others (Corporations, etc.),	63
Number of Non-residents assessed on property,	62
All others,	25
Number of persons assessed on property,	553
Number of persons assessed for Poll only,	153
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$30.00
No. of Horses assessed,	205
No. of Cows assessed,	459
No. of Neat Cattle assessed,	222
No. of Sheep assessed,	44
No. of Swine assessed,	45
No. of Fowls assessed,	2,867
No. of Dwellings,	418

State Tax,	\$3,360.00
State Highway Tax,	268.00
County Tax,	2,631.76
Town Grant,	29,839.00
Overlayings,	462.95
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	\$36,551.71

Bank and Corporation Tax,	\$1,936.12
Income Tax,	6,835.00
Income Tax, Educational Bill,	4,139.95

#### VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Literary Institutions,	\$67,500.00
Church Property,	53,900.00
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500.00
	\$122,900.00

Estimated Value of Public Buildings, Water Works, Fire Apparatus and Sinking Fund,	\$142,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. POLMATIER,

HARRY W. WARNER,

WILLIAM CHADWICK.

# Report of Water Commissioners

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## RECEIPTS

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$436.43
Received for water rents,	2,870.76
for service connections,	179.19
from Corticelli Silk Company	
for lumber,	347.80
from Florence Casket Com-	
pany for lumber,	206.98
for town plank,	393.18
for interest on deposits,	32.76
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	\$4,467.10

## EXPENDITURES

Paid George A. Thrasher, labor and	
supplies,	\$320.42
R. D. Ames, labor,	139.75
Merrill Ames, labor,	48.00
William Harris,	72.50
P. J. Murphy, plumbing,	75.37
Edson Mfg. Co., supplies,	39.11
Northampton Water Dept., supplies,	7.85
Norwood Engineering Co., supplies,	55.00
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	62.30
H. S. Packard, supplies,	4.00
W. J. Sheehan & Co., supplies,	5.50
H. E. Bradford, labor and supplies,	111.00
Bradford Lumber Co., sawing,	126.56

Stamps and stationery,	15.50
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., rent of crossing for water pipe,	1.00
Charles O'Brien, labor,	10.26
Raymond Larkin, labor,	6.40
George O'Brien, labor,	7.90
Donald Nash, labor,	3.00
Frank O'Neil, labor,	7.90
Arthur Richardson, labor,	4.80
George Dolan, labor,	5.50
Lewis Welch, labor,	16.50
W. Jondreau, labor,	3.40
W. Powers, labor,	3.40
Dennis Mahoney, labor,	3.00
Walter Leonard, labor,	9.00
James Welch, labor,	5.50
C. V. Dadmun, labor,	5.20
Ernest Payne, labor,	15.94
Jack Gray, labor,	15.94
Wesley Ames,	10.50
Richard Welch,	9.00
Charles Trefethern,	2.44
Lewis Stephens,	19.24
Express,	.92
Mary L. Carter, Treasurer,	3,000.00
Balance cash on hand,	217.51

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\$1,467.10

GEORGE A. THRASHER,  
H. E. BRADFORD,  
E. CYRUS MILLER,

Water Commissioners:

# Report of Extension Service

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The following is a report of the work done by the Agents of the Hampshire County Extension Service in Williamsburg during 1922:

## **Agricultural Department:**

A one-day extension school taking up Poultry and Small Fruits was held in March. Points brought out were breeding for Egg Production and Poultry Disease Control. As a result, five poultrymen agreed to carry on disease control work and two the breeding work. Farm visits have been made to follow up this program through the year. In the Fall a meeting was held at which Prof. Monahan took up the Fall Management of Poultry and demonstrated culling. We believe that those carrying out the disease control work were benefited thereby but the plan needs to be carried out more thoroughly to have entirely satisfactory results.

In March a pruning demonstration was given, at which 25 growers were present. The group was shown how to prune both young and old trees. Spraying and fertilizing of apple trees was also discussed at this meeting.

Miscellaneous work consisted in co-operating with local farm organizations. The fruits and vegetables were judged at the Grange Fair. The County Agent managed the sports at the Grange picnic held in Williamsburg. Co-operated with the Williamsburg Fruit Growers and the Western Hampshire Farmers Exchange which serve some

of the farmers of the town. Farm account books, milk record sheets and farm bulletins have been sent to all requesting them.

### **Home Department:**

Six meetings of the clothing efficiency group were held during the year and the clothing course completed. A dress form demonstration was given. Two millinery classes were arranged, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall at which Miss Sarah Farley assisted the women in making hats. Many attractive hats were made at a decided saving.

### **Club Departments:**

A home economics club was carried on during the Winter. In the Summer individual club members carried on projects. The club agent judged all the boys' and girls' exhibits at the Grange Fair. This year there are three clubs started, one in handicraft, one sewing and one room club. Interest of the boys and girls in club work is increasing. The club agent spent four days and one evening in the town doing club work and was assisted 1½ days by specialists in club work from the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Respectfully submitted,

N. K. LINCOLN,

Town Director.



# REPORT OF Sinking Fund Commissioners

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FEBRUARY 1, 1923

1922		
Feb. 1, Cash on hand,	\$361.16	
Interest on bonds,	1,010.00	
Interest on deposits,	28.11	
1923		
Feb. 1, From Town Treasurer,	1,000.00	
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		\$2,399.27

## ASSETS

1923		
Feb. 1, Twenty-one bonds of Williamsburg,	\$21,000.00	
Four Liberty bonds,	3,794.73	
Haydenville Savings Bank,	2,399.27	
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		\$27,194.00

HENRY W. GRAVES,  
LEON B. SANDERSON,  
HUBERT A. SMITH.

# Report of Visiting Nurse

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
Williamsburg:

I herewith submit to you my report as Visiting Nurse  
of the Town of Williamsburg.

Patients visited during the year:

Williamsburg,	43
Haydenville,	189
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Total,	232

Metropolitan Life Insurance patients received	424 visits
Town patients received	214 visits
Paying patients received	418 visits

Total number of visits,	1,056
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During the year there were

Eleven Obstetrical Cases.

Sixty-seven Surgical Cases.

One hundred and four Medical Cases.

Four patients made ready and taken by auto and ambulance to the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. LINNEHAN,

Visiting Nurse.

# Report of Library Trustees

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The Trustees of the Haydenville Village Library beg to make the following report:

The number of books listed at present is 3,025. About 100 volumes have been added this past year. The withdrawals have increased somewhat.

The Trustees have continued the policy of using the greatest care in selecting books and they feel that they have at present a very well balanced collection. Mrs. Hattie E. Metcalf is our present librarian and we feel that both our board and the village are to be congratulated in having one so well qualified to serve in that position. The public is urged to make use of the library in the largest possible measure. Books play a large part in the life of many people and as they are so easily available they should be used by as many as possible.

ELIZABETH J. PURRINGTON,  
E. CYRUS MILLER,  
GEO. M. PAGE,

Trustees Haydenville Village Library.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation,		\$200.00
Paid Mrs. Hattie Metcalf,	\$35.00	
Paid Alton Warner,	5.00	
Paid Edward Shular,	11.00	

Paid Hampshire Book Shop,	15.86	
Paid J. W. Hefferoan,	26.73	
Paid E. C. Miller,	6.00	
Paid Bridgman & Lyman,	73.76	
B. C. Forbes Pub. Co.,	5.00	
P. Lacourse,	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$189.35
Unexpended Balance,		<hr/> \$10.65

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#### ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND

Recd. from the Trustees of the Whiting Street Will,		\$5,523.39
Income from this Fund,	\$791.67	
Unexpended Balance of 1921,	72.86	
	<hr/>	\$864.53
Amount Available,		\$864.53
Paid Thirty-two Beneficiaries,		295.00
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Unexpended Balance of 1922,		\$569.53

MARTHA BISBEE,  
A. J. POLMATIER,  
MRS. CORNELIUS SHEEHAN.

# Treasurer's Report

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## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand,	\$4,879.95
Received from State,	
Income Tax, General Purposes, 1919,	6.75
Income Tax, General Purposes, 1920,	47.25
Income Tax, General Purposes, 1921,	283.50
Income Tax, General Purposes, 1922	1,310.48
Income Tax, School Fund,	6,835.00
Massachusetts School Fund,	4,139.95
Corporation Tax, Public Service,	256.07
Corporation Tax, Business,	1,104.58
Mothers' Aid,	513.53
Tuberculosis Subsidy,	50.71
Vocational Tuition,	73.13
Temporary Aid,	22.12
Inspection of Animals,	24.25
Civilian War Poll Tax,	54.00
Highways,	2,053.47
Reimbursement for Taxes,	15.12
School Superintendent,	966.63
Tuition for State Wards,	986.05
National Bank Tax,	654.38
Street Railway Tax,	447.01
State Aid,	280.00
Soldiers' Exemption,	38.14
Penalty, Section 2, Chapter 280,	8.46
High School Tuition,	757.14
Refund Teachers' Retirement,	10.00

County of Hampshire, Acct. Silk Mill	
Bridge,	1,000.00
Northampton Street R., Acct. Silk Mill	
Bridge,	1,000.00
Dog Refund,	204.39
Tuition City of Boston,	1,301.45
Tuition, Town of Plainfield,	400.00
Tuition, Town of Chesterfield,	250.00
Tuition, Town of Hawley,	100.00
Tuition, Town of Goshen,	150.00
Temporary Loans,	30,000.00
Silk Mill Bridge Loan,	4,000.00
Whiting Street Fund, Principal,	5,523.39
Whiting Street Fund, Income,	791.67
Collins School Fund,	1,135.92
A. S. Hills Fund,	337.50
Saunders Fund,	169.00
Water Department,	3,000.00
Sidewalk Assessments,	509.25
Licenses,	30.00
Refunds,	58.60
Taxes, 1919,	159.58
Taxes, 1920,	1,769.61
Taxes, 1921,	4,394.14
Taxes, 1922,	28,879.62
Interest on Taxes,	355.25
Haydenville Cong. Society,	108.75
Sale of School Tickets,	42.35
Poor Accounts Paid,	327.36
Rent of Town Hall,	57.00
Rent of Piano,	16.00
District Court Fines,	427.00
Interest on Deposits,	232.62
Sale of Materials,	19.45

Rent of Grange Hall,	70.00
Refund on Water Bond Interest,	100.00
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	\$112,737.57

## EXPENDITURES

Contingent,	3,826.16
Director of Accounts,	12.00
Library,	189.35
County Aid to Agriculture,	150.00
Memorial Day,	50.00
Vital Statistics,	71.00
County Tax,	2,631.76
Whiting Street Fund,	295.00
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Work,	161.49
Silk Mill Bridge,	6,938.06
Court Fees,	155.05
Fire Department,	248.50
Street Lights,	1,860.80
A. S. Hills Fund,	280.50
Sinking Fund,	1,000.00
School Account, 1923,	2,997.08
Schools,	27,649.19
Sidewalks,	1.50
Poor Account,	2,278.57
State Aid,	237.00
Interest on Notes,	3,507.18
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,100.00
Loans,	21,250.00
Mothers' Aid,	1,497.50
Town Scales,	463.07
Highway, Chapter 80,	4,915.87
Highway, Chapter 80, Material,	217.80
Highways,	2,096.79

State Tax,	3,360.00
Civilian War Poll Tax,	1,719.00
Repairs on State Highway,	268.00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923,	20,309.35
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## TOWN ASSETS

Balance in Treasury,	\$20,309.35	
Due in Taxes, 1920,	758.30	
Due in Taxes, 1921,	3,894.49	
Due in Taxes, 1922,	9,368.89	
Due on Sinking Fund,	27,194.00	
Due on Pauper Account,	979.15	
Due, Northampton Street Railway,	734.51	
Due from State, on Mothers' Aid,	28.00	
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		\$63,276.69

## LIABILITIES

Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Loan of 1922,	\$25,000.00	
Due First National Bank,		
Balance of Cone Bridge,	9,000.00	
Due Trustees of Meekins Library,		
Balance of Concrete Bridge Loan,	500.00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Silk Mill Bridge Loan,	4,000.00	
Water Bonds Outstanding,	50,000.00	
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		\$88,500.00



## ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE LOANS ACCOUNT

Balance from 1921,	15,000.00	
Borrowed from Haydenville Savings Bank,	25,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$40,000.00
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Balance of 1921 Loan,	15,000.00	
Due on 1922 Loan,	25,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$40,000.00

## STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT

Water Bonds,	\$50,000.00	
Less Sinking Fund,	25,774.00	
	<hr/>	\$24,226.00

## INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND

Dividend from 20 Shares of Northampton National Bank Stock,	\$320.00	
Dividend from 20 Shares Hampshire County Trust Company Stock,	120.00	
Dividend on 12 Shares of Mechanics National Bank Stock,	240.00	
Dividend on 21 Shares of First National Bank Stock of Greenfield,	210.00	
Dividend on 21 Shares of First National Bank Stock of Northampton,	168.00	
Due at Haydenville Savings Bank,	72.99	
	<hr/>	\$1,130.99

## PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

On Deposit at Haydenville Savings Bank

I. F. Baker Fund,	\$300.00	
L. C. Graves Fund,	200.00	
W. F. Warren Fund,	100.00	
H. W. Warner Fund,	100.00	
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		\$700.00

## STATE AID, 1922

January,	\$20.00	
February,	20.00	
March,	20.00	
April,	20.00	
May,	20.00	
June,	20.00	
July,	20.00	
September,	20.00	
October,	14.00	
November,	14.00	
December,	29.00	
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		\$217.00

## INTEREST

Paid First National Bank,	\$500.00	
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	1,363.43	
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		\$1,863.43

## AVAILABLE

Appropriation,	None Made	
Interest on Taxes,	355.25	
Interest on Deposits,	232.62	
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		\$587.87

MARY L. CARTER,

Treasurer.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1922



# Report of School Committee

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To the Citizens of the Town of Williamsburg:

Your School Committee beg leave to offer their Annual Report as follows:

The resources for the support of schools during the year 1922 amounted to \$29,858.28, of which \$27,644.17 was expended, leaving a balance of \$2,214.11.

During the year 1923 it will be necessary to install entire new toilet facilities in the Haydenville Grammar School. This work cannot be put off, as the health of the teachers and pupils is endangered by the conditions that exist at present.

The High School is suffering from lack of room to properly conduct the classes. One class is forced to recite in the Assembly Hall without any facilities for class room work. It would be wise to consider the erection of a second story over the Assembly Hall to provide the required room.

Owing to social conditions it was considered advisable to close the Searsville School and transport the pupils to the James School. This change has resulted in better social conditions and the pupils have shown marked improvement in their work.

We cannot help expressing our sincere appreciation to all connected with school administration. The members of the 1922 School Committee were under a big handicap by

not having any member of previous Committee to guide them, but we have found the Superintendent, Teachers and Janitors filled with the spirit of co-operation which is reflected in the excellent work now being done in our Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK FOSTER,  
SUSAN H. WHEELER,  
WALTER H. THAYER,

School Committee.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### SCHOOL RESOURCES

Town Appropriation,	\$19,000.00
Collins School Fund,	1,053.00
Undrawn Interest from Collins School Fund,	72.99
Tuition paid by surrounding Towns,	900.00
Tuition and Transportation City of Boston Wards,	1,301.45
Tuition of State Wards,	986.05
Hyde-Sanders Fund,	169.00
Superintendents Fund,	966.63
Reimbursement for Vocational Education,	73.13
Refund Dog Tax,	204.39
Rent of Grange Hall (2 years),	70.00
Massachusetts School Fund,	4,139.95
Sale of Street R. R. Tickets,	42.35



Sale of Grass,	10.00	
High School Grant,	757.14	
Haydenville Congregational Society, (for fence),	108.75	
Town of Chesterfield (supplies),	3.45	
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		\$29,858.28

## EXPENDITURES

Teachers,	\$15,835.00	
Teachers' Retirement,	483.00	
Janitors,	1,591.75	
Janitors' Supplies,	230.65	
Repairs,	365.21	
Sundries,	728.20	
School Room Supplies,	335.27	
Books,	593.47	
Transportation,	2,586.10	
Music and Penmanship,	949.70	
Fuel,	1,019.80	
Physical Welfare,	690.10	
Smith's Agricultural School,	352.50	
Freight and Cartage,	49.87	
Insurance,	66.25	
Superintendent of Schools,	1,250.00	
Union Expenses,	186.29	
Electric Lighting and Power,	56.01	
Truant Officers,	25.00	
School Committee,	250.00	
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		\$27,644.17

## Teachers

	Amount	Retirement
Mildred G. Atherton,	\$285.00	\$15.00
Josephine G. Cahill,	1,072.00	
Fannie I. Campbell,	684.00	36.00
Archibald G. Coldwell,	690.00	
Ethel Curry,	1,000.00	
Mrs. Herbert Clapp,	5.00	
Nelle A. Dolan,	1,000.00	
Anne T. Dunphy,	1,500.00	
Ralph M. T. Johnson,	456.00	24.00
Rachel V. Hemenway,	447.50	25.00
Jennie V. Kiely,	950.00	50.00
Clarence J. Larkin,	437.00	23.00
Mrs. W. A. Metcalf,	45.00	
M. Evelyn Nash,	570.00	30.00
Flora L. Mansfield,	1,235.00	65.00
Helen O'Brien,	285.00	
Fay R. Page,	400.00	
Ethel H. Packard,	319.50	18.00
Elizabeth J. Purrington,	950.00	50.00
Katherine V. Riley,	1,072.00	
Helen G. Ryan,	600.00	
Vernon D. Stiles,	375.00	20.00
Alma C. Smith,	426.00	24.00
Mae Elizabeth Toole,	456.00	24.00
Mrs. Grace West,	575.00	30.00
C. Ruth Warner,		49.00
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	\$15,835.00	\$483.00

## Janitors

Henry Dansereau,	\$519.50
G. Vernon Warner,	1,040.00
Rachel V. Hemenway,	11.50
Viola Morrill,	6.25
Helen L. Kellogg,	14.50
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	\$1,591.75

## Janitors' Supplies

Standard Oil Co.,	\$18.30
R. F. Burke,	69.11
C. B. Dolge Co.,	34.50
H. S. Packard,	7.16
J. A. Sullivan & Co.,	2.00
P. H. Littlefield,	2.25
Foster-Farrar Co.,	12.50
J. L. Hammett Co.,	8.50
Central City Chemical Co.,	4.00
W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	72.33
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	\$230.65

## Repairs

P. & F. Corbin,	\$ .66
Readsboro Chair Co.,	14.40
G. Vernon Warner,	8.20
Ward E. Shumway,	5.25
J. A. Wattie,	2.25
P. J. Murphy,	45.90
George H. Warner,	6.00
B. L. Dobbs,	4.00

Bisbee Bros.,	8.88
P. H. McAvoy,	5.05
C. L. Hyde,	49.09
Bradford Lumber Co.,	39.15
F. B. Smith,	2.00
J. A. Sullivan & Co.,	.65
Alvin Payne,	7.00
Fred Sanderson,	2.00
J. F. Downer,	88.80
George I. Churchill,	11.20
Henry Dansereau,	11.00
Puro Drinking Fountain Co.,	7.20
John J. Trainor,	12.00
Graves Garage,	3.00
Fairbanks Co.,	.27
Parsons Electric Shop,	8.20
Vernon D. Stiles,	14.00
W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	9.06

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\$365.21

### Sundries

N. E. Telephone & Tel. Co.,	\$17.50
Gazette Printing Co.,	27.00
Helen Nash Hinds,	62.00
Northampton Commercial College,	14.00
L. A. Merritt,	12.27
Metcalf Printing Co.,	16.00
Puro Drinking Fountain Co.,	43.20
Fred W. Sanderson,	50.00
G. Vernon Warner,	.30
Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.,	294.43
Town of Williamsburg,	38.00
Alfred F. Foote,	4.00

Kingsbury Box & Printing Co.,	15.85	
M. Evelyn Nash,	2.25	
Foster-Farrar Co.,	1.25	
Carrie J. Goodhue,	40.00	
P. H. McAvoy,	18.00	
W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	56.25	
J. C. Foster,	2.50	
Thacker-Craig Paper Co.,	7.40	
Cecil C. Loomis,	6.00	
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		\$728.20

### School Room Supplies

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$316.14	
Oval & Koster,	13.72	
Wright & Potter Printing Co.,	3.82	
Walter J. Tremblay,	.81	
Bridgman & Lyman,	.28	
T. M. Carter,	.50	
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		\$335.27

### Books

American Book Co.,	\$47.83
Ginn & Co.,	151.22
Macmillan Co.,	9.16
John C. Winston Co.,	110.24
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	2.88
Anne T. Dunphy,	1.05
Lyon & Carnahan,	27.56
Bridgman & Lyman,	2.70
Nat'l Home & School Assn.,	29.75
F. E. Compton & Co.,	55.00

Webster Publishing Co.,	8.50	
Allyn & Bacon,	21.45	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	3.20	
Iroquois Publishing Co.,	4.79	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	28.52	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	89.62	
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### Transportation

Northampton Street R. R. Co.,	\$770.00	
Mrs. James Stone,	354.00	
Matthew Waller,	180.00	
Henry Goodwin,	474.00	
S. A. Clark,	343.00	
L. H. Cranston,	41.10	
Ruth Smart,	36.00	
Clarence A. Nichols,	360.00	
John Aldrich,	28.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,586.10

### Music and Penmanship

C. Ruth Warner,	\$931.00	
A. A. Westrich,	5.00	
C. C. Birchard & Co.,	13.70	
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## Fuel

Lenihan Brothers,	\$282.50	
Harry Warner,	24.00	
Helen L. Kellogg,	4.00	
John H. Graham,	489.25	
Edward Guyette,	7.00	
Thomas Dolan,	20.55	
Chas. H. Wheeler, M. D.,	49.00	
G. M. Bradford,	10.00	
Silas Snow,	46.00	
W. A. Leduc,	87.50	
		\$1,019.80

## Physical Welfare

Mary G. Lenihan, R. N.,	\$450.00	
Chas. H. Wheeler, M. D.,	133.50	
J. G. Hayes, M. D.,	98.50	
W. J. Sheehan & Co. (Nurses Supplies),	2.91	
T. M. Carter (Nurses Supplies),	5.19	
		\$690.10

## Smith's Agricultural School

Tuition,	\$352.50
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## Freight and Cartage

Raymond A. Warner,	\$49.87
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## Insurance

W. M. Purrington,	\$66.25
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## Superintendent of Schools

L. A. Merritt,	\$1,250.00	
Union Expenses,	186.29	
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## Electric Lighting

Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$56.01
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## Truant Officers

John J. Trainor,	\$15.00	
B. L. Dobbs,	10.00	
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## School Committee

Susan H. Wheeler,	\$75.00
Walter H. Thayer,	75.00
J. Clark Foster,	100.00



# Superintendent's Report

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To the Citizens and Members of the School Committee :

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted.

From January to June, 1921, Williamsburg had fifteen schools in operation. In June the school at Searsville was definitely closed, although it had been closed a number of different times when there were epidemics of disease among the pupils. In view of the fact that these children could be given many advantages at the Helen E. James School that were not possible at Searsville, and because sickness could not be controlled at Searsville, it was to the benefit of all that this school was closed.

Every year there are some changes in the teaching staff, and this year they were as follows: Miss Fannie Campbell of the high school faculty resigned in June, and Miss Mae Toole was appointed to her position; Mr. Ralph Johnson was appointed to the department of mathematics and science in the high school; Mrs. Grace West resigned as teacher of the first two grades at Williamsburg, her work being taken up by Miss Ethel Packard. At the Mountain street school Miss Alma Smith resigned and Miss Mildred Atherton is now the teacher there. Mr. Vernon Stiles was appointed to teach the seventh and eighth grades at Williamsburg and to act as director of the playground there. Miss Evelyn Nash resigned as the teacher of grades seven and eight at Williamsburg. Mr. Coldwell resigned at Haydenville and Mr. Clarence Larkin has been appointed prin-

cial of that building. Miss Helen Ryan, because of illness, asked for a year's leave of absence and Miss Fay Page has been doing the work with her classes. In September Mrs. W. A. Metcalf was appointed the regular substitute for Williamsburg.

At the opening of schools in September the enrollment in all schools was larger than that of a year ago. In Haydenville the largest class was Miss Purrington's, with 55, and the average there was a fraction over 40 per room. At Williamsburg the largest was 39 and the average 35. When it is remembered that one teacher to 30 pupils is the ideal ratio, it will be seen that our teachers are doing splendid work in caring for this heavy enrollment, and at the same time maintaining the same high standards of previous years.

The high school enrollment has also increased but the teaching problems have been cared for by the addition of a fourth teacher to the faculty. This new teacher has also made it possible to broaden the high school work in mathematics and science.

Following out a definite policy adopted in 1920 when it was decided to change the course of study, the course in reading was changed to the Winston Method. The course in language and grammar was changed to the course based on the Miller-Kinhead text the same year. In 1921 the course in arithmetic was revised. During 1922 the course in geography was changed also and the work made more definite. Courses in manual training and domestic science have failed to materialize because of the high cost of equipment and teachers and the lack of classrooms where this work could be carried on. In September Miss Ruth Warner was appointed as supervisor of our new course in penmanship. This work has been successful and many of our children have shown great improvement in writing. Some time in May there will be an exhibition of the work in

writing, and it is hoped that many parents and friends will come to see it.

The work in music has been carried on as usual with good progress. The details of the work are given in Miss Warner's report.

Our school nurse has also had a busy year, and much good has been accomplished. Her report gives the work as it has been done.

Last June, when it was found that a number of children wished to come to summer school to make up work which they had missed because of sickness or other reasons, it was decided to hold summer school at Haydenville. Miss Cahill and Miss Riley were appointed as teachers and forty-two children were enrolled. Five weeks were spent in study and all but three pupils were promoted to their proper grades without conditions. This work was of great benefit to these children.

In closing permit me to thank the members of the school committee, the teachers, parents, and children for their co-operation and help during the year of 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MERRITT.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 3, 1922

SCHOOLS	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance
Williamsburg High,	30	49	76.7	72.5	94	13,673
Grammar,	13	13	25.1	23.6	94	3,506
Intermediate,	16	17	29.2	27.4	94	4,589
Second Primary,	10	18	25.6	24.2	95	4,053
First Primary,	16	10	27.9	25.4	91	4,257
Searsville,	17	13	24.3	19.9	82	3,348
Haydenville High,						
Grades 7 and 8,	18	13	25.9	24.9	96	4,155
Grammar, 5 and 6,	19	16	35.8	33.1	93	5,522
Intermediate,	16	21	37.4	34.9	93	5,796
Third Primary,	21	20	39.0	37.0	95	6,201
Second Primary,	21	14	34.8	32.9	94	5,461
First Primary,	34	22	48.9	44.4	91	7,423
Mountain Street,	9	9	17.6	14.5	83	2,443

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1923-1924

## Elementary Schools

## First term

Opens Sept. 4, 1923,	
Closes Dec. 21, 1923,	16 weeks

## Second term

Opens Jan. 7, 1924,	
Closes Mar. 15, 1924,	10 weeks

## Third term

Opens April 1, 1924,	
Closes June 7, 1924,	10 weeks

Total,	36 weeks
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## High School

## First term

Opens Sept. 4, 1923,	
Closes Dec. 21, 1923,	16 weeks

## Second term

Opens Jan. 7, 1924,	
Closes Mar. 22, 1924,	11 weeks

## Third term

Opens April 4, 1924,	
Closes June 28, 1924,	15 weeks

Total,	40 weeks
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The usual holidays will be observed.

## CENSUS APRIL 1, 1922

Number of persons five to sixteen years of age, Males 254. Females 202.	456
Number 5 to 7 years of age, Males 58. Females 42.	100
Number 7 to 14 years of age, Males 160. Females 140.	30
Number 14 to 16 years of age, Males 36. Females 20.	56
Number of resident pupils attending school,	424
Number over 16 attending school, Males 5. Females 21.	26
Number of teachers employed,	16
Number graduated from colleges,	4
Number that have college training,	1
Number graduated from normal schools,	8
Number that have received normal training,	3
Number graduated from secondary schools only,	3

# Music and Penmanship Report

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To the Superintendent and Members of the School Board:

Herewith I submit for your approval my report of music and penmanship in the schools of the Town of Williamsburg for the year 1922.

Music is the art of arranging tones into forms of beauty or expression in accordance with those laws of combination or composition. The effort employed in obtaining pleasing results leads to the intellectual satisfaction in the performance of an emotional delight in the result. Alacrity in reading syllables is well accomplished and much stress is laid on applying the tune to the words more quickly, especially in all the grades above the third.

The teachers of the third and fourth grades have classes which are a credit to them as well as to the schools. These little people, after a thorough study of a song, are able to apply the words to the tune with very little effort. A great deal of individual work has been done the past year which has been very beneficial. The fifth and sixth grade classes especially show results of independence and desire to do for themselves. Exceptionally good two-part singing has been rendered by them, showing the ability to read readily as well as to interpret the songs in a splendid way, thus recognizing the beauty of the combination of tones. The fourth and fifth grades are also doing splendid work.



The first two grades in both villages are doing very satisfactory work, and in spite of the difficulties with which the primary teachers in Haydenville have to contend, very commendable work in both theory and song material is being accomplished.

The Mountain Street School has a very encouraging class of over twenty and much enthusiasm has been shown by both teacher and pupils. In the closing of the Searsville School, the pupils were given a great opportunity, to be with those boys and girls of their own grades and thus accomplishing the work of their grades.

The Grammar Schools have wonderful materials this year, and for absolute daring in attacking really difficult three-part songs, cannot be excelled.

High School music is progressing quite rapidly, but with one chorus practise a week, there cannot be realized as much as formerly, when there were two hours a week. Nevertheless, we have splendid material and by constant, patient effort, and practise, hope to bring our standards up to other years. We have a meeting of all the girls and boys separately on alternating weeks, and some good glee club work has been done, especially with the boys, who have shown a great deal of enthusiasm.

There is no subject in the school curriculum more necessary than penmanship, and the ability to write well. Last September the regular study of Palmer Method was introduced, and thus far is well proving its worth. It is absolutely impossible to produce a class of good writers if the effort to improve be confined to twenty minutes daily of careless, slovenly practise.

The healthful posture demands that feet be flat on the floor, that the pupils sit well back in center of seats, with



hips touching back of seats; that backs be erect and that both arms be wholly on the desk when writing. The right arm rests on the large muscle in front of the elbow, and the ends of the third and fourth fingers with the wrist well off the desk. The penholder is held lightly with the pointer finger directly above the pen point, thumb slightly underneath, and the middle finger completes this easy position by resting against the pen, thus steadying the penholder. The penholder leaves the hand close to the knuckle of the first finger, with the top of the holder pointing somewhere between the shoulder and the elbow.

With these helpful directions in view, teachers and pupils alike are endeavoring earnestly to improve in penmanship. As yet, in the lower grades, not a great deal of stress has been laid on the careful study of letter formation, but more particularly on the easy, free arm motion, which is very gradually becoming a habit. Repetition is very essential and we much now persistently, faithfully and continually hold the pupil to his "best work," in all his writing, for we must break the old habit before we can establish the new.

Since September there have been sixty-one pupils, from the fifth through the eighth grades, to whom the A. N. Palmer Company of New York has awarded Palmer Method Buttons for the free arm motion, increased speed, ease and legibility in writing, good posture and neat work on the first twenty-five drills in the Palmer Method of Business Writing Manual. This has been a means of great encouragement to the pupils. Those receiving buttons are now very ambitious and desirous to obtain Palmer Method Progress Pins and improvement certificates, and those who were unsuccessful in this attempt, are trying earnestly for the Palmer Method Button.

With the assistance of the Superintendent and the teachers, it is my earnest desire to hold an exhibition of penmanship in the latter part of May, that the untiring efforts of teachers and pupils may be made manifest to our public.

It is a real pleasure to work with teachers and pupils, when you know keen interest and a desire to do well is the keynote of their ambition. When this interest is carried throughout the week, excellent results are bound to follow. And at this time, please allow me to thank all the teachers, superintendent, and the school committee who have so conscientiously assisted in the promotion of these subjects.

Pupils, also, your efforts have been far from tireless, and I now extend my hearty thanks to you for your willingness.

Respectfully submitted,

C. RUTH WARNER,

Supervisor.

# Report of School Physician

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Mr. L. A. Merritt,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—Below you will find my annual report as School Physician:

The whole number of pupils inspected,	198
Number not vaccinated,	22
Number having badly decayed teeth,	12
Number having diseased tonsils and adenoids,	8

This is a great improvement over what we have found in past years. Many children have had their throats cleaned up, and, thanks to the school dentist, the teeth of the children are in much better shape than formerly. This is really a great improvement.

There is a general agreement, that in order to be well, the mouth, including the teeth, tonsils and adenoids, must be kept in good condition. Most of the diseases of children are infections. Practically all the germs of these infections enter the body through the mouth and nose, many of which might be excluded from the body if all the structures of the mouth and nose were in a perfectly healthy state. Disorders in the teeth may disable by causing tooth ache and gum boils locally and by causing multiple aches and inflammations in distant parts of the body. Any one can see this. Decayed teeth and enlarged tonsils are set right out in front where they can be seen. But seeing them and reporting them to parents is one thing, and doing something about them is another thing.

More than eight hundred children in Massachusetts die each year from diphtheria alone. The State Board of Health seem to be of the opinion that something more ought to be done more than we are doing to save some of these lives. They think that if every child in the country was immunized to diphtheria the disease might be stamped out entirely. In 1922 between 3000 and 4000 children in Northampton and about 150 children in Williamsburg were given the toxin-antitoxin to make them immune to diphtheria. No one of these children, who took the full treatment, has since had the disease. It would be a fine thing if every child were so treated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

# Report of Medical Inspector

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February 14, 1923.

Mr. L. A. Merritt,  
Supt. of Schools,  
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in presenting my 14th annual report as Medical Inspector of Schools for the village of Haydenville.

Total number of children examined,	264
Number of cases needing dental attention,	119
Number of children noted as having good teeth,	55
Number of cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids,	27
Number of cases of pediculosis,	2
Number of cases of scalp disease,	2
Number of cases of speech defect,	1
Number of children not vaccinated,	57

Of this number not vaccinated there are eight who have been vaccinated from two to five times in different towns and during different years, yet not showing the characteristic scar.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER. M. D.

# Report of School Nurse

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Mr. L. A. Merritt,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit for your approval my report as School Nurse, January 1922 to January 1923.

The Modern Health Crusade which was started in the fall of 1921 was continued on for a period of fifteen weeks.

Forty-five per cent of the children received medals at the end of the crusade.

Health posters and posture charts were placed in the rooms.

Health songs were taught and short talks given monthly on subjects pertaining to health.

Dental clinic was held three days each week from Jan. 24 to May 26.

226 children were treated by Dr. Sherwood during the clinic.

Diphtheria clinic was held from May 17 to June 1st. 276 children were given toxin-antitoxin.

During May and June 361 children were weighed, measured and inspected. 88 children not vaccinated.

41 of these children attend 1st and 2nd grades.

- 53 children with decayed teeth.
- 68 children with enlarged tonsils.
- 73 children with defective eyes.
- 17 children with defective ears.
- 2 cases of pediculosis.

During Sept.-Dec.

217 minor dressing on school children.

4 families visited and parents instructed in care of children.

5 days each month spent in school work.

14 days assisting Dr. Sherwood at the dental clinic.

8 hrs. assisting Drs. Hayes and Wheeler at the diphtheria clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. LINNEHAN,

School Nurse.







